UGH!
SSSS

I'VE BURNT YER VOCAL CORDS. YE WON'T BE ABLE TO HUM, WHISTLE, SING, OR LIE.

I
CAN'T
TALK!

CHAPTER 188

" ENDLESS ENIGMA "

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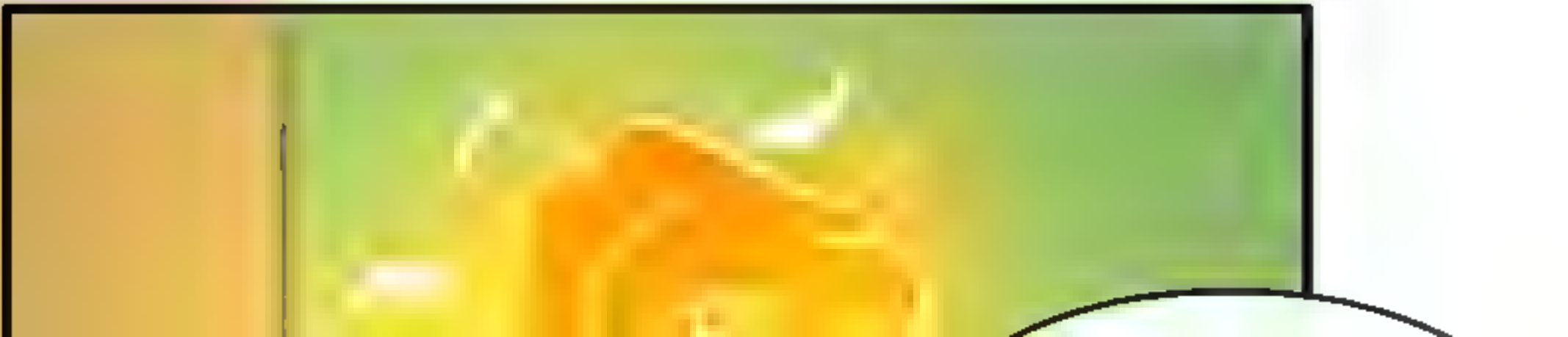


POWERLESS AND PATHETIC...

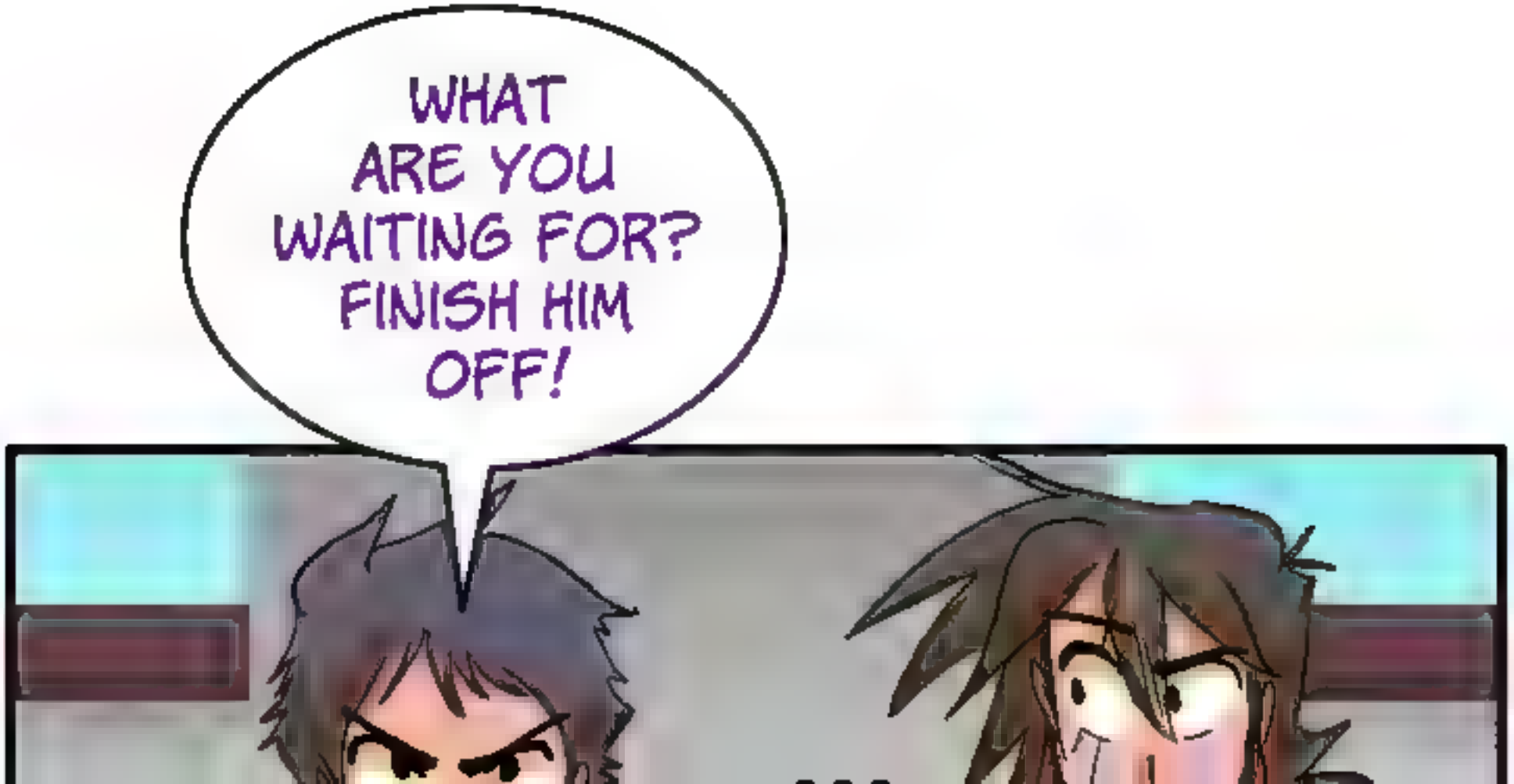
SPLOOSH

YE WILL NEVER HURT THOSE I LOVE EVER AGAIN.

SHE
DID IT!
SHE ACTUALLY
BEAT DON!

TORI!

TORI ROCKS!

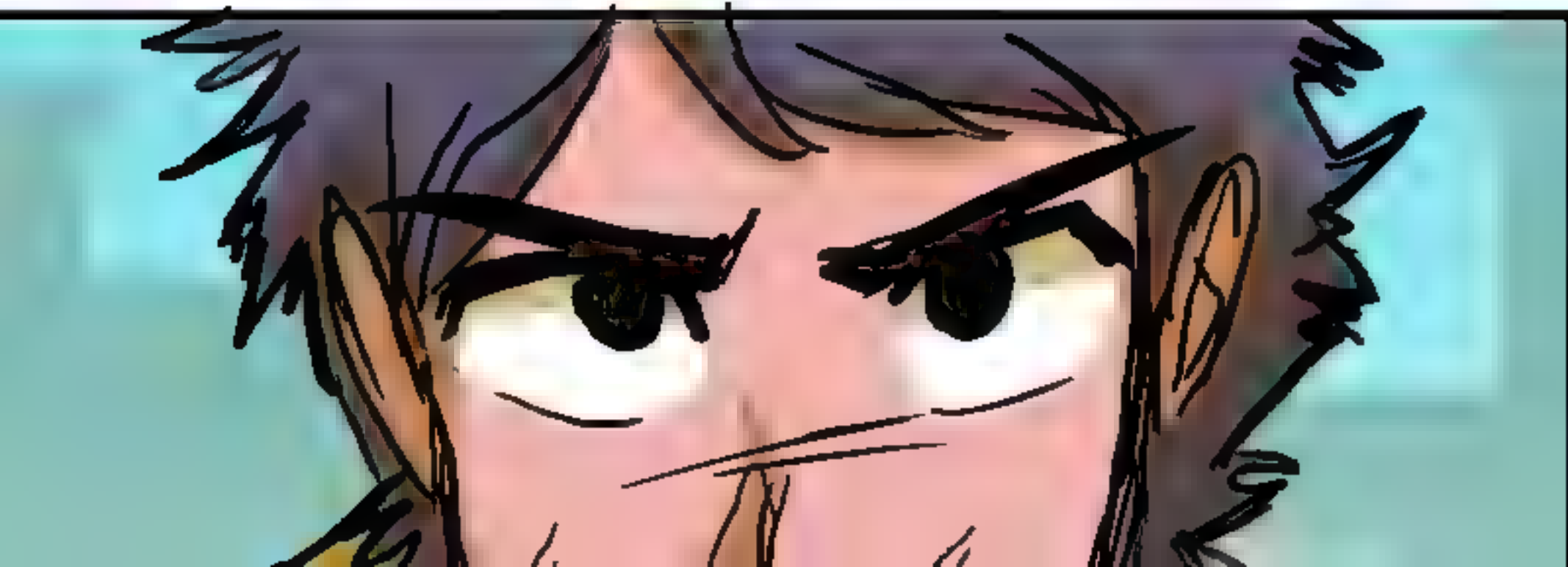

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? FINISH HIM OFF!

...
THIS
IS YOUR
CHANCE!

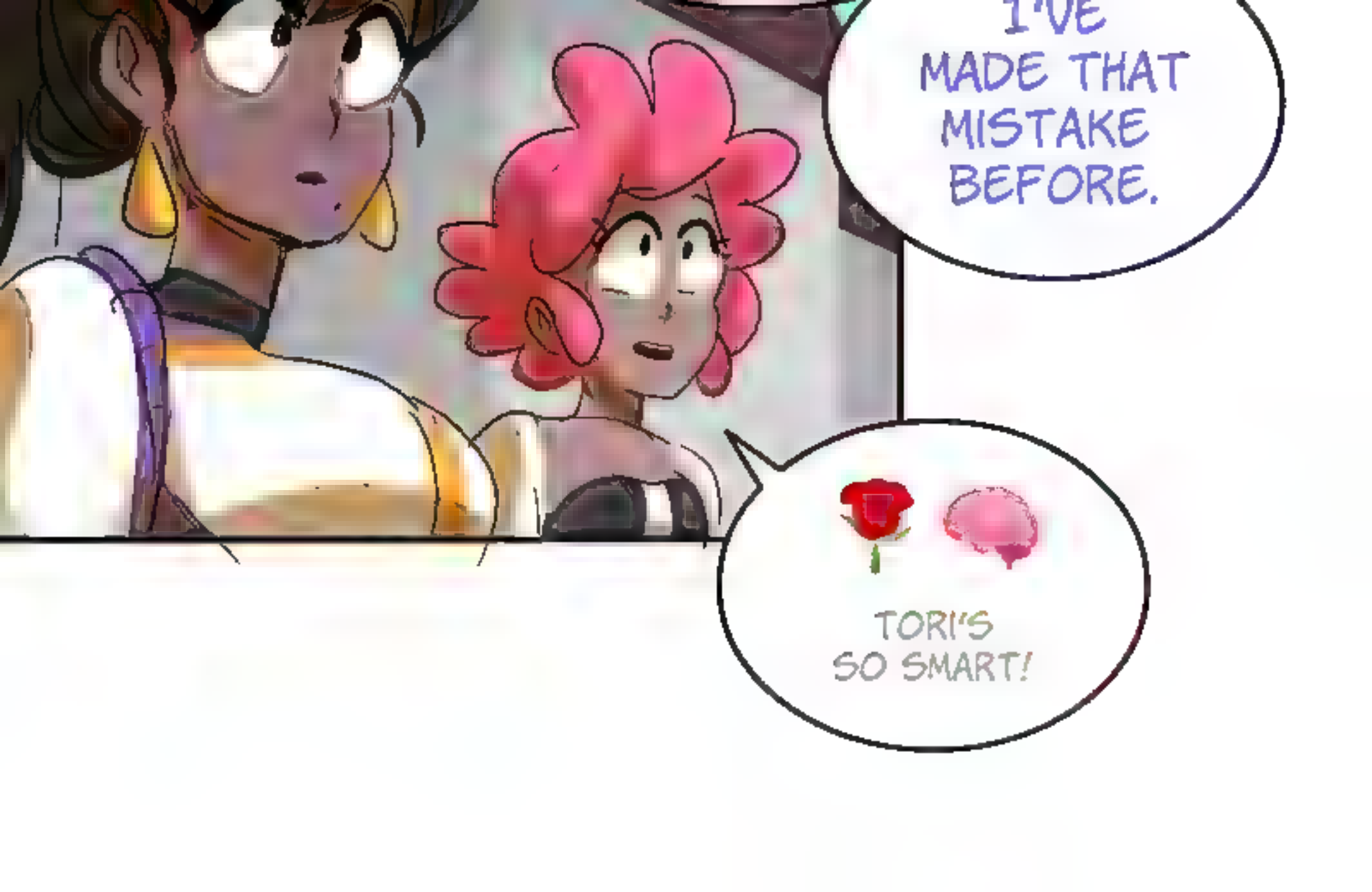
NO.

WHAT?!
I WILL NOT PLAY INTO HIS TWISTED GAME.

IF WE
KILL HIM, HE WILL
ONLY FIND A WAY TO
COME BACK EVEN
MORE DANGEROUS
THAN BEFORE.

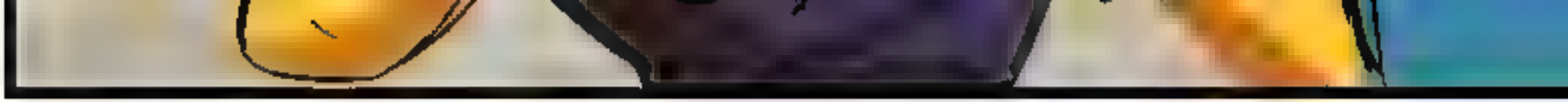


I...
COME... BACK?
TORI'S RIGHT. DROP A CEILING ON HIS WHEELCHAIR AND HE JUST COMES BACK STRONGER.

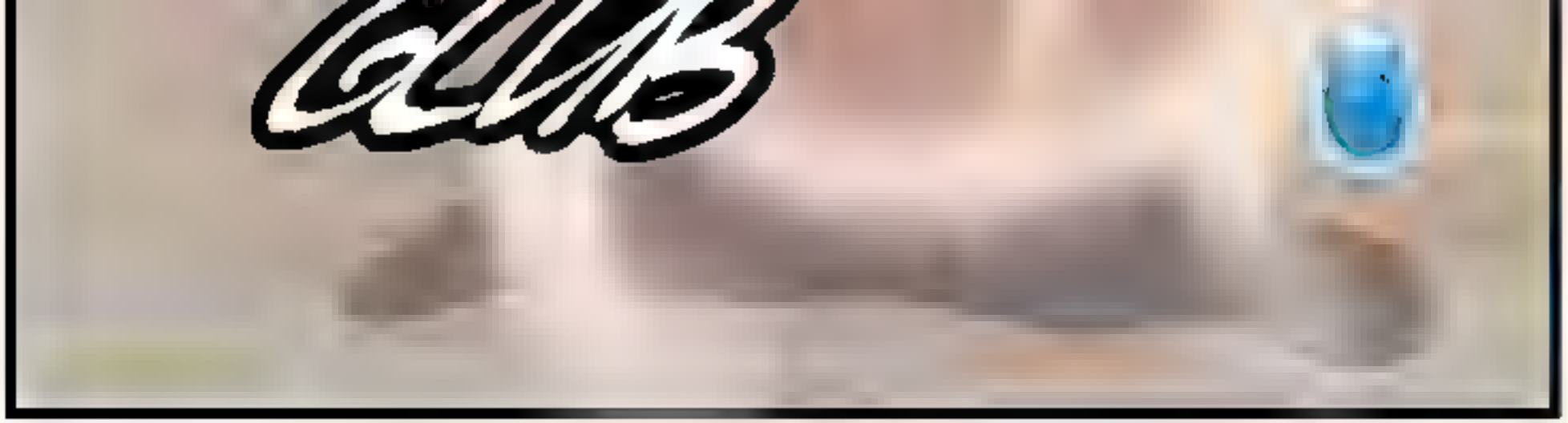

I'VE MADE THAT MISTAKE BEFORE.
TORI'S SO SMART!

YOU
WON'T BEAT ME
SO EASILY!

HE'S MOVING!
HOW?!



MY LIMBS MIGHT BE MISSING, BUT THESE SHOULD DO THE TRICK FOR NOW.

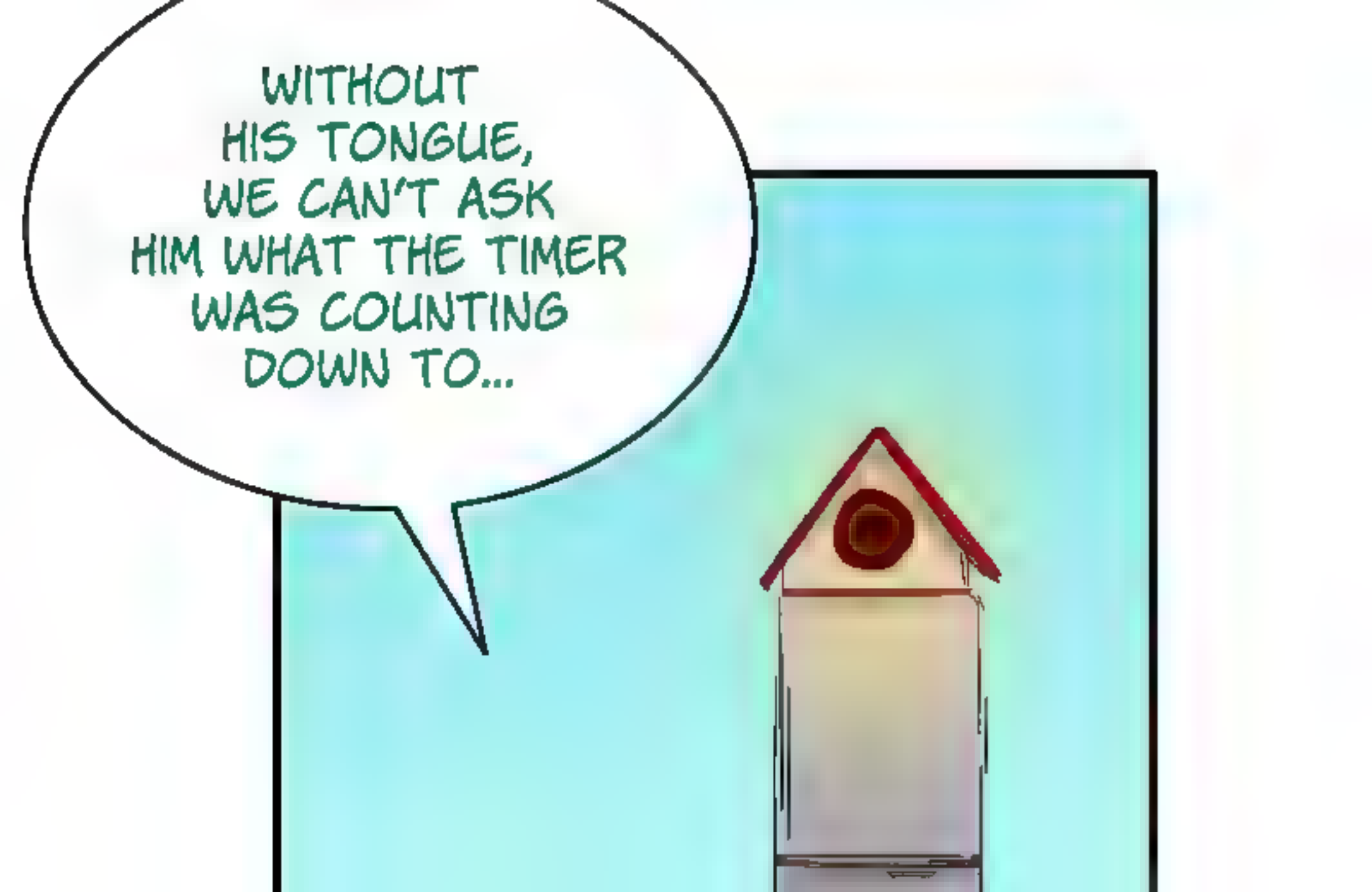

CLUB

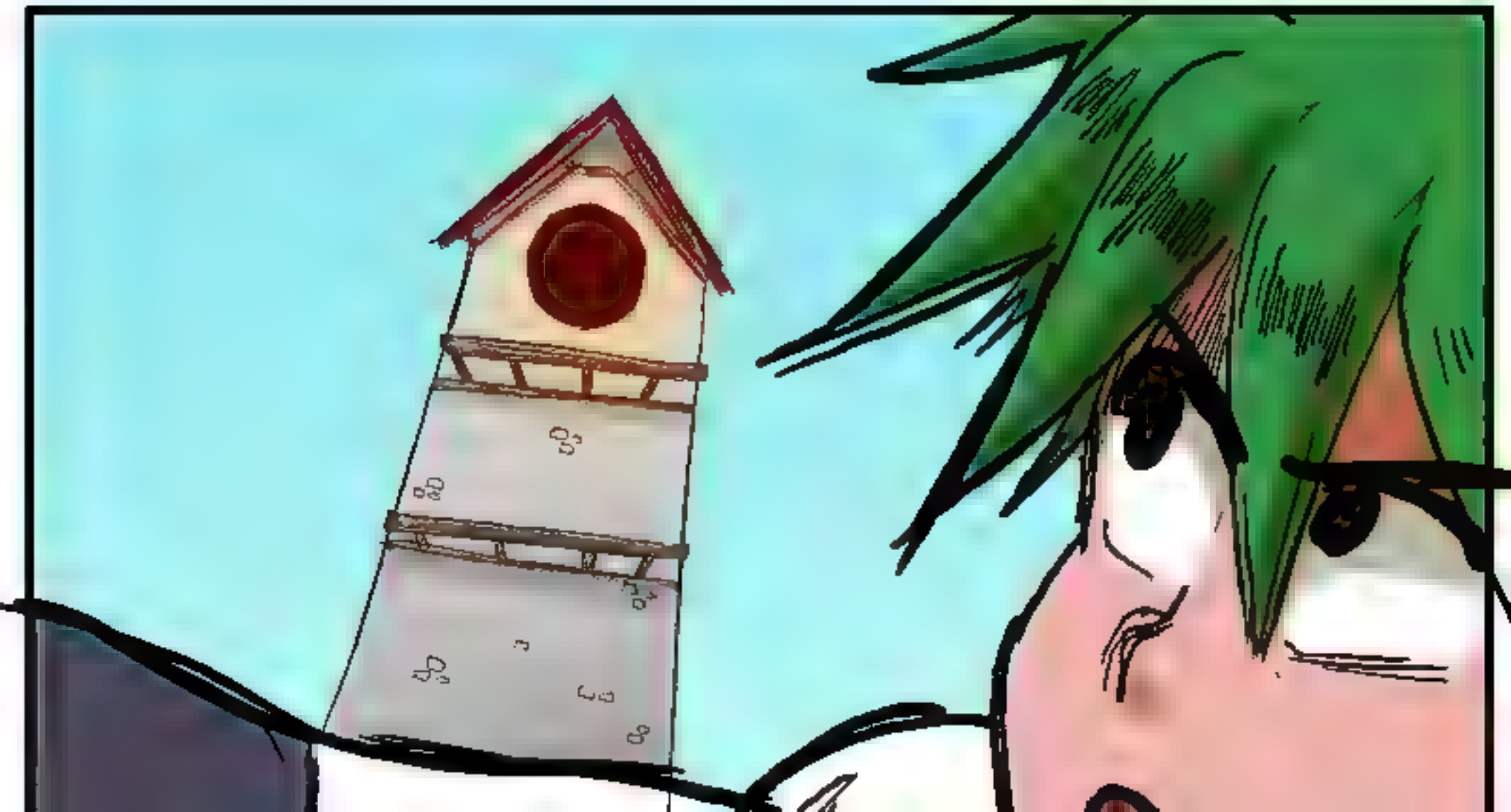
OH
NO YOU
DON'T!

ORRRRR

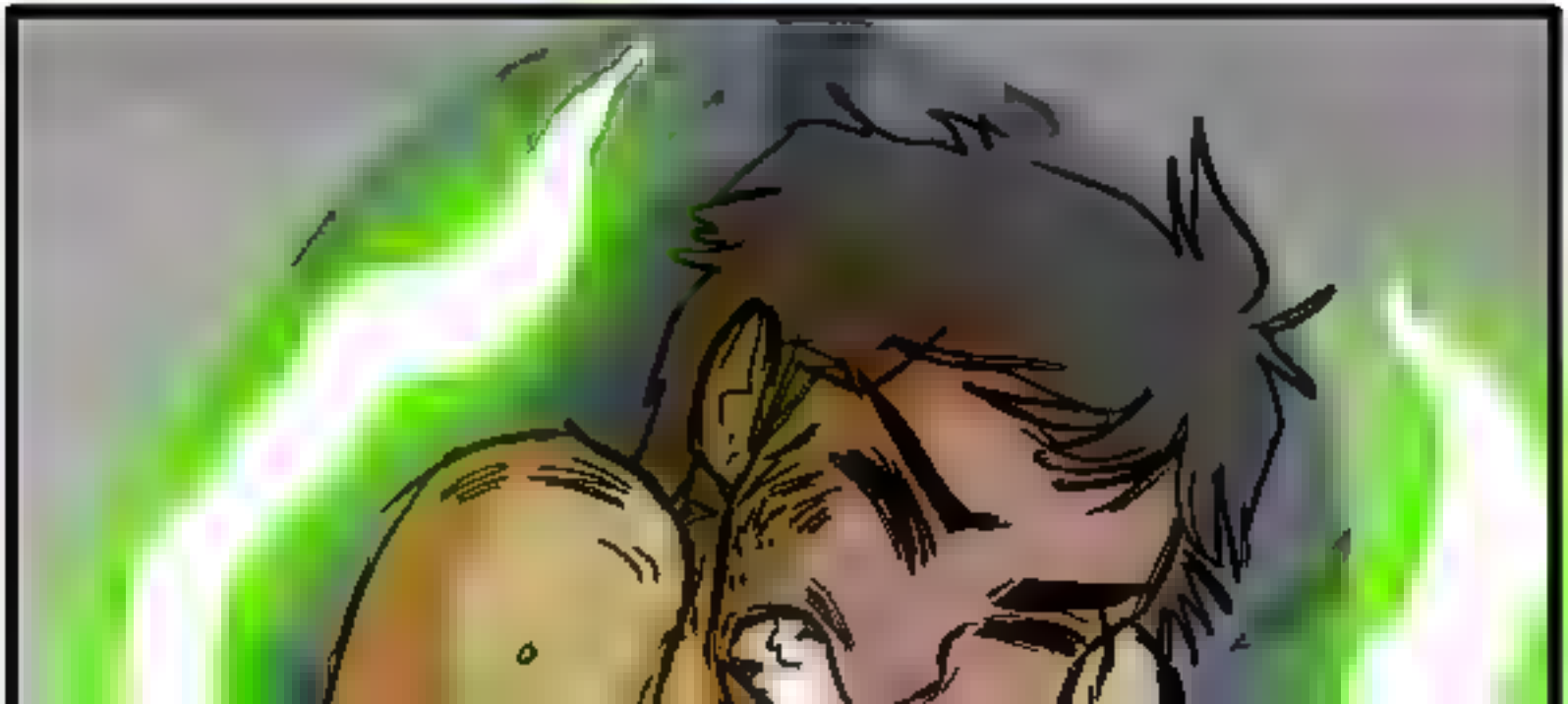
SLAP!

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN. HE'S STILL DANGEROUS.


WITHOUT HIS TONGUE, WE CAN'T ASK HIM WHAT THE TIMER WAS COUNTING DOWN TO...



...WE'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESPOND ON OUR OWN. .



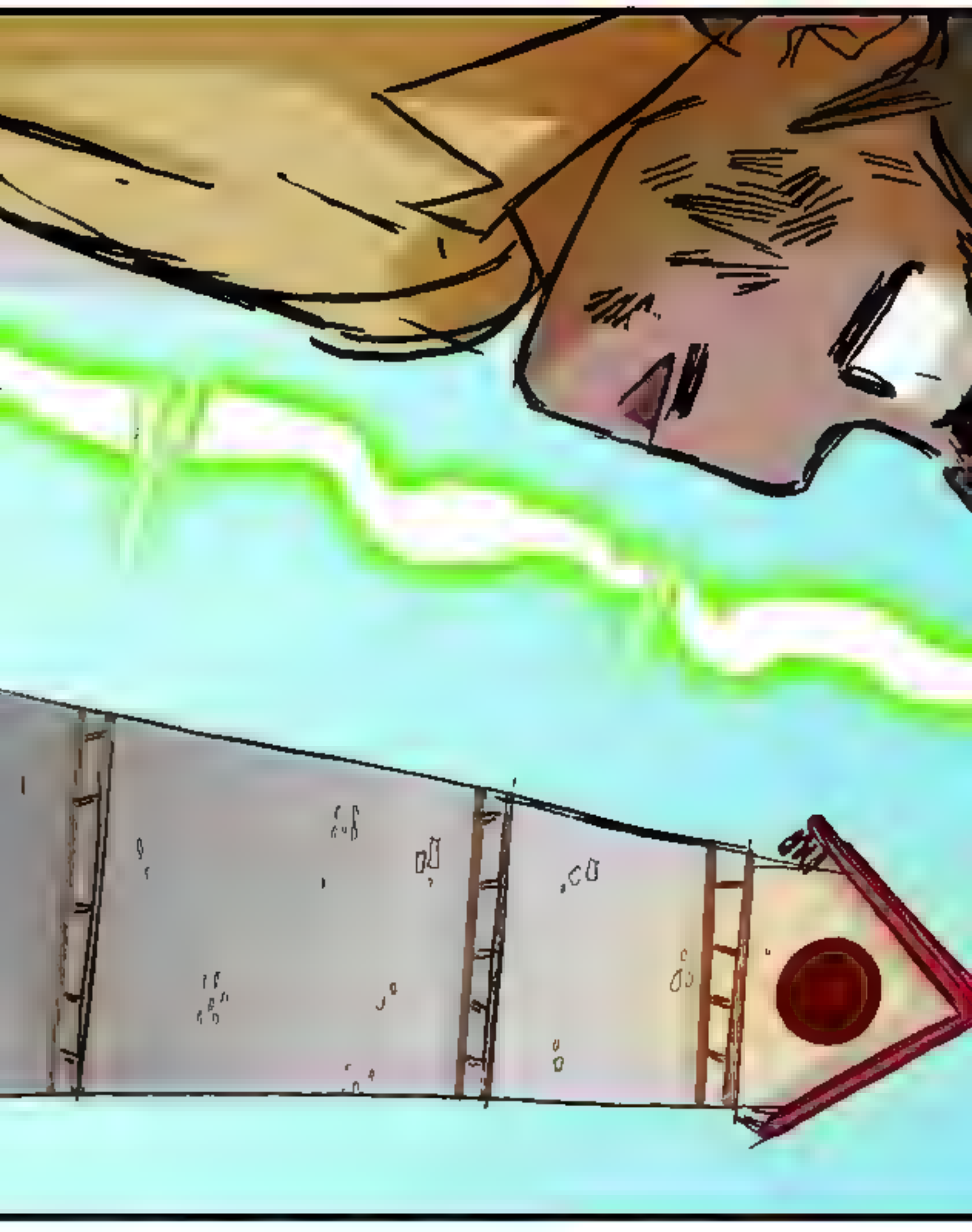
DON DOESN'T SEEM TO WANT TO BE AROUND WHEN THE TIMER IS DONE...

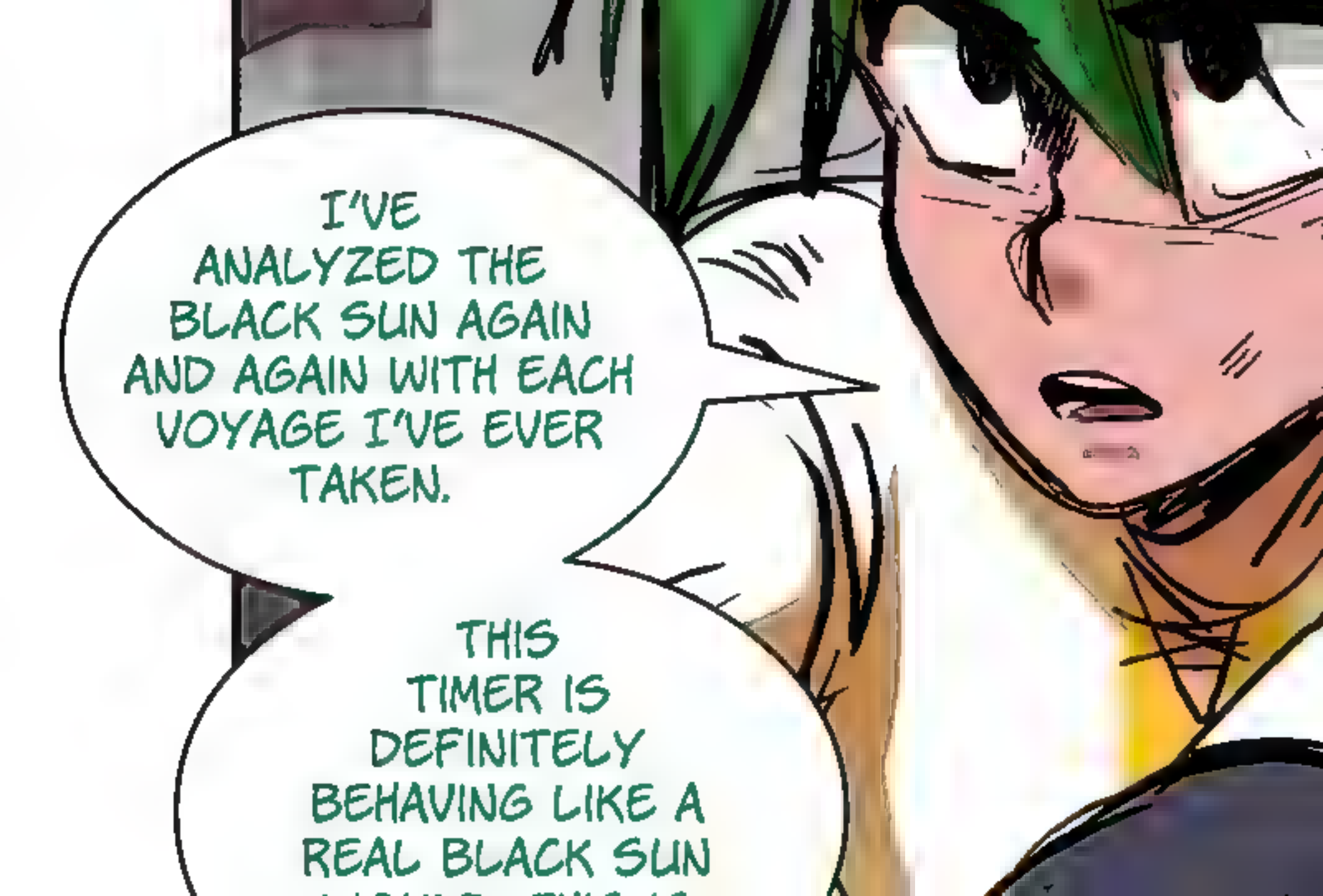
IF IT REALLY IS COUNTING DOWN TO THE SHADOW HOUR, WE NEED TO PREPARE.

WE'LL HAVE TO RESET OURSELVES BEFORE THE SHADOW HOUR ARRIVES.
YE MEAN KILLING

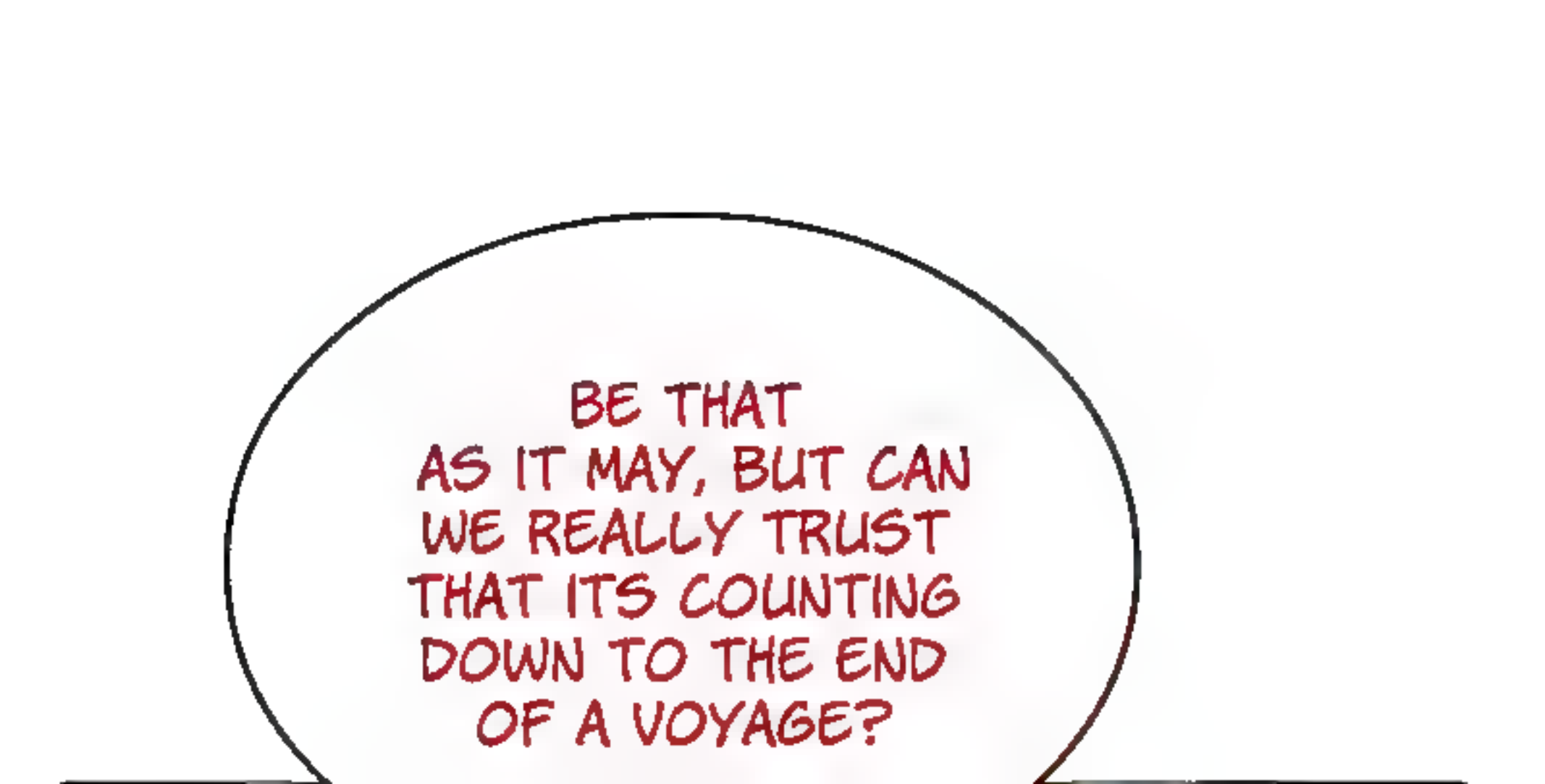
OURSELVES WITH A BOSS SWORD? ARE YE SURE WE CAN TRUST THAT RESETS STILL WORK?

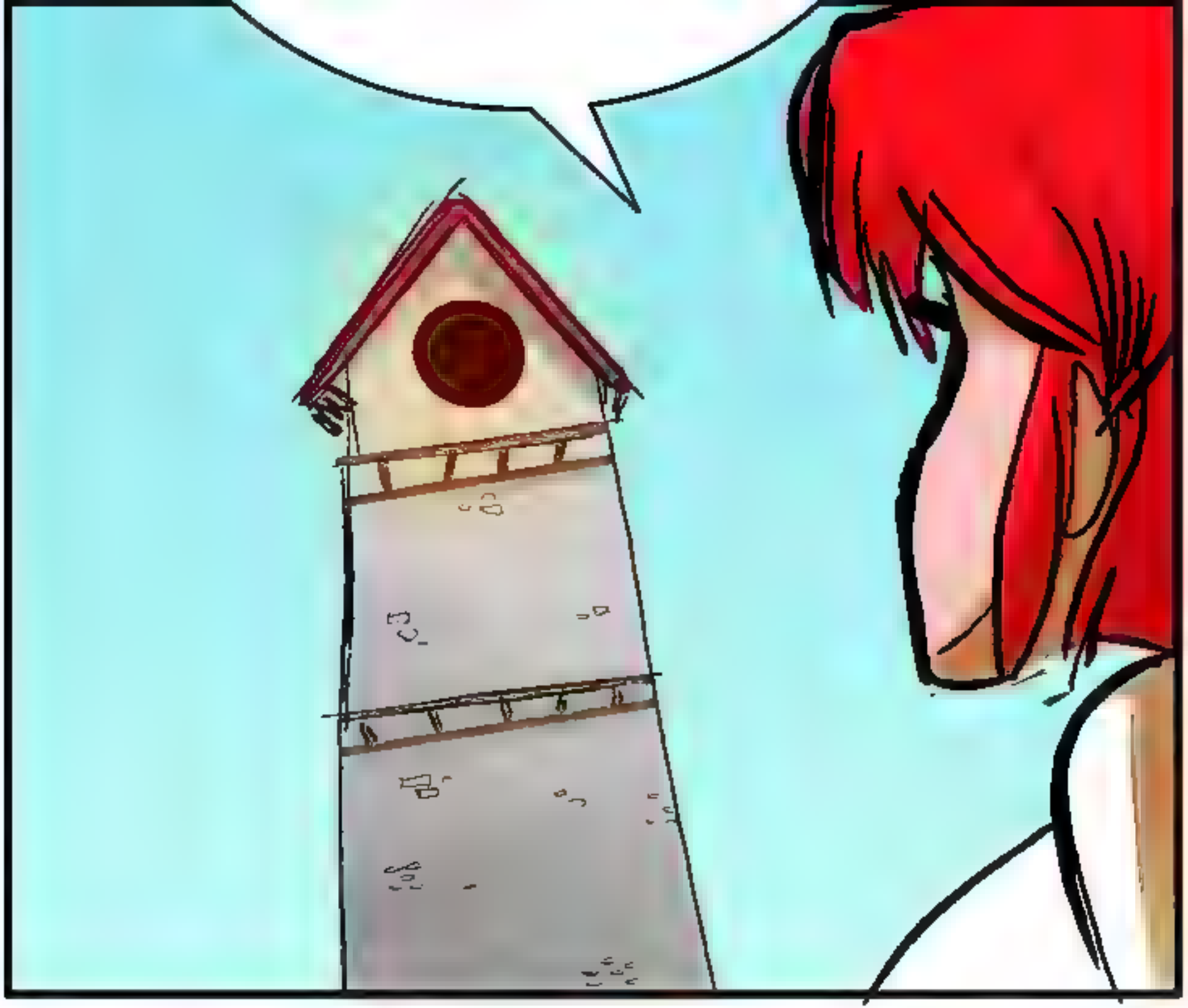
THIS IS NO VOYAGE OR REALM, BUT MINE OWN KINGDOM.




I'VE ANALYZED THE BLACK SUN AGAIN AND AGAIN WITH EACH VOYAGE I'VE EVER TAKEN.
THIS TIMER IS DEFINITELY BEHAVING LIKE A REAL BLACK SUN

WOULD. THIS IS
NO BLUFF.


BE THAT
AS IT MAY, BUT CAN
WE REALLY TRUST
THAT ITS COUNTING
DOWN TO THE END
OF A VOYAGE?



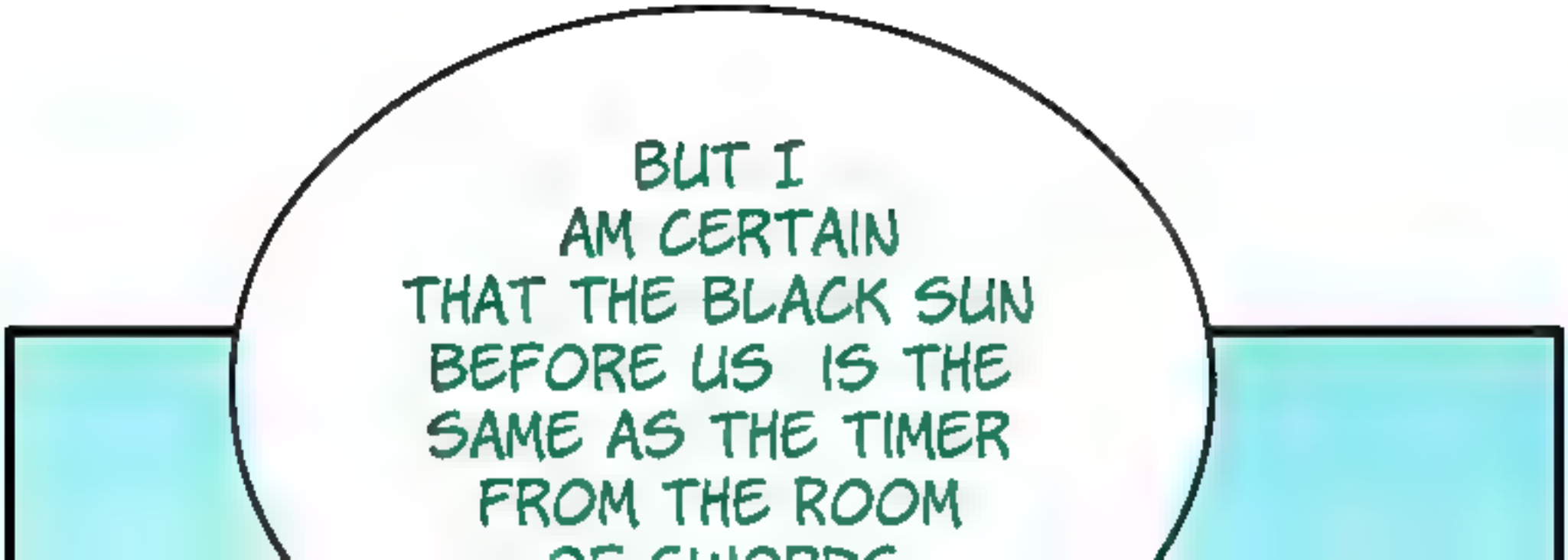
HOW DO WE KNOW ITS NOT A TRAP?

WELL... WE CAN'T ASK DON

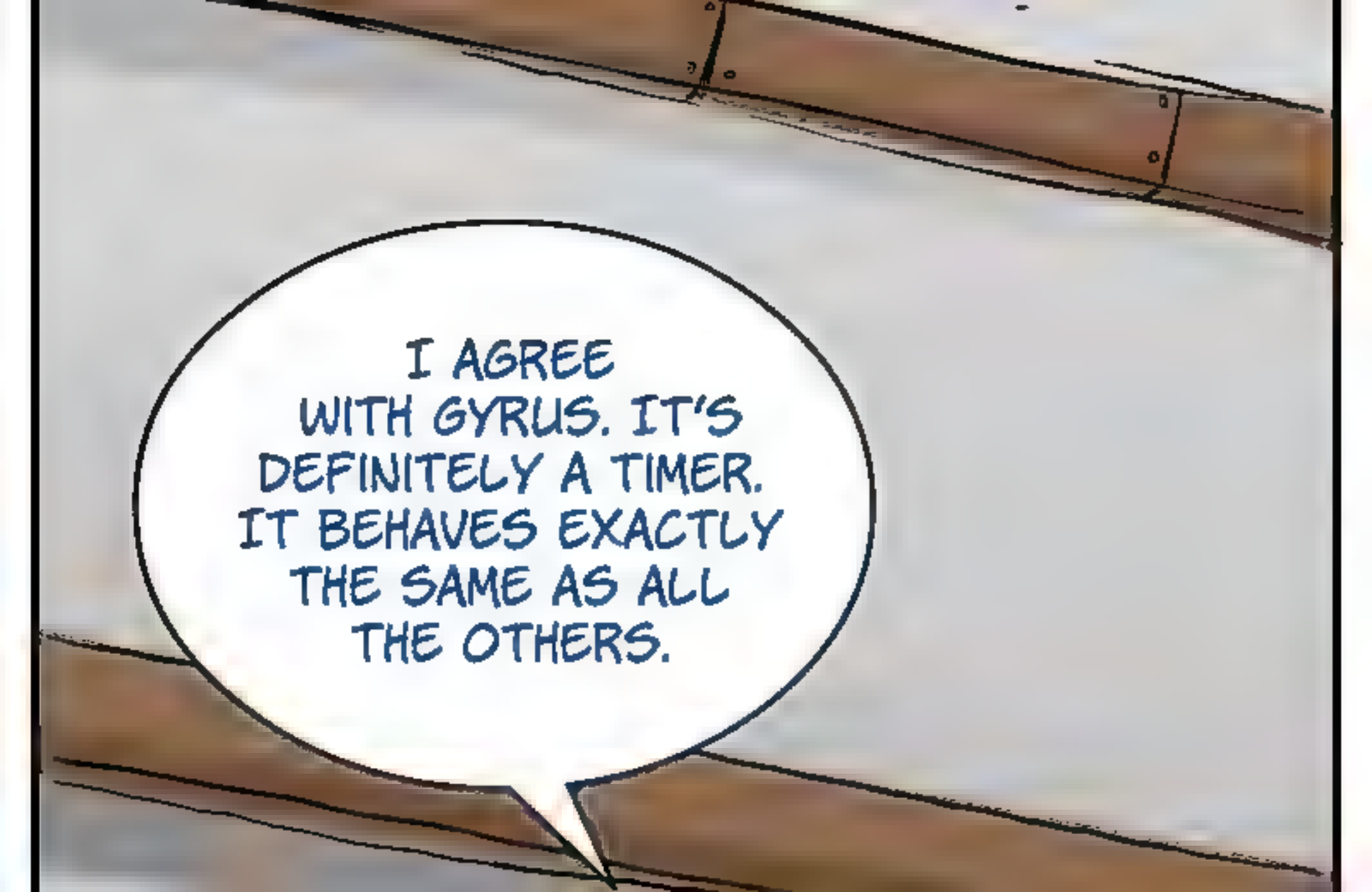
NOW..

IT'S NOT LIKE WE COULD TRUST WHAT HE SAID ANYWAYS.

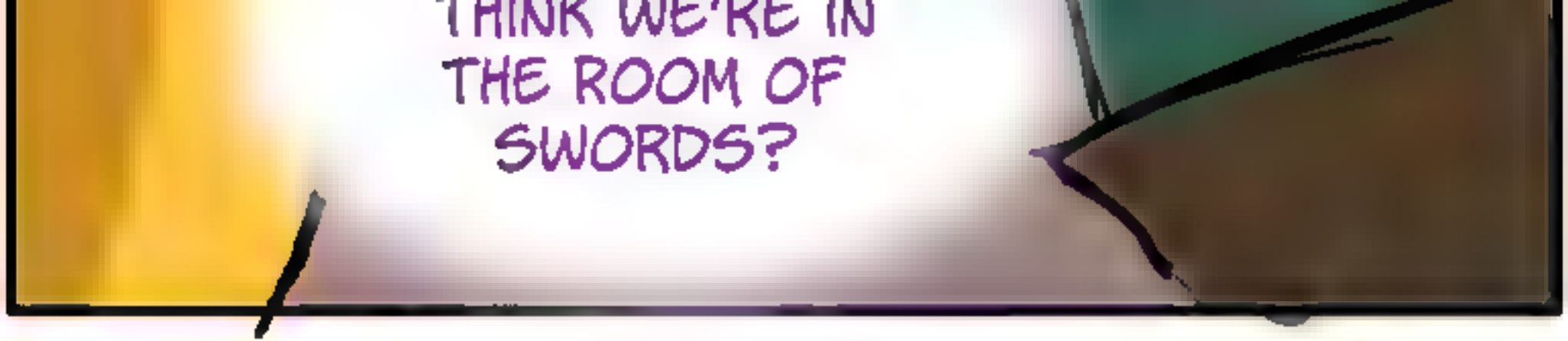
I DON'T KNOW WHY ITS HERE, OR WHAT IT MEANS.


BUT I
AM CERTAIN
THAT THE BLACK SUN
BEFORE US IS THE
SAME AS THE TIMER
FROM THE ROOM

OF SWORDS.


I AGREE WITH GYRUS. IT'S DEFINITELY A TIMER. IT BEHAVES EXACTLY THE SAME AS ALL THE OTHERS.

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
DO THEY


THINK WE'RE IN
THE ROOM OF
SWORDS?

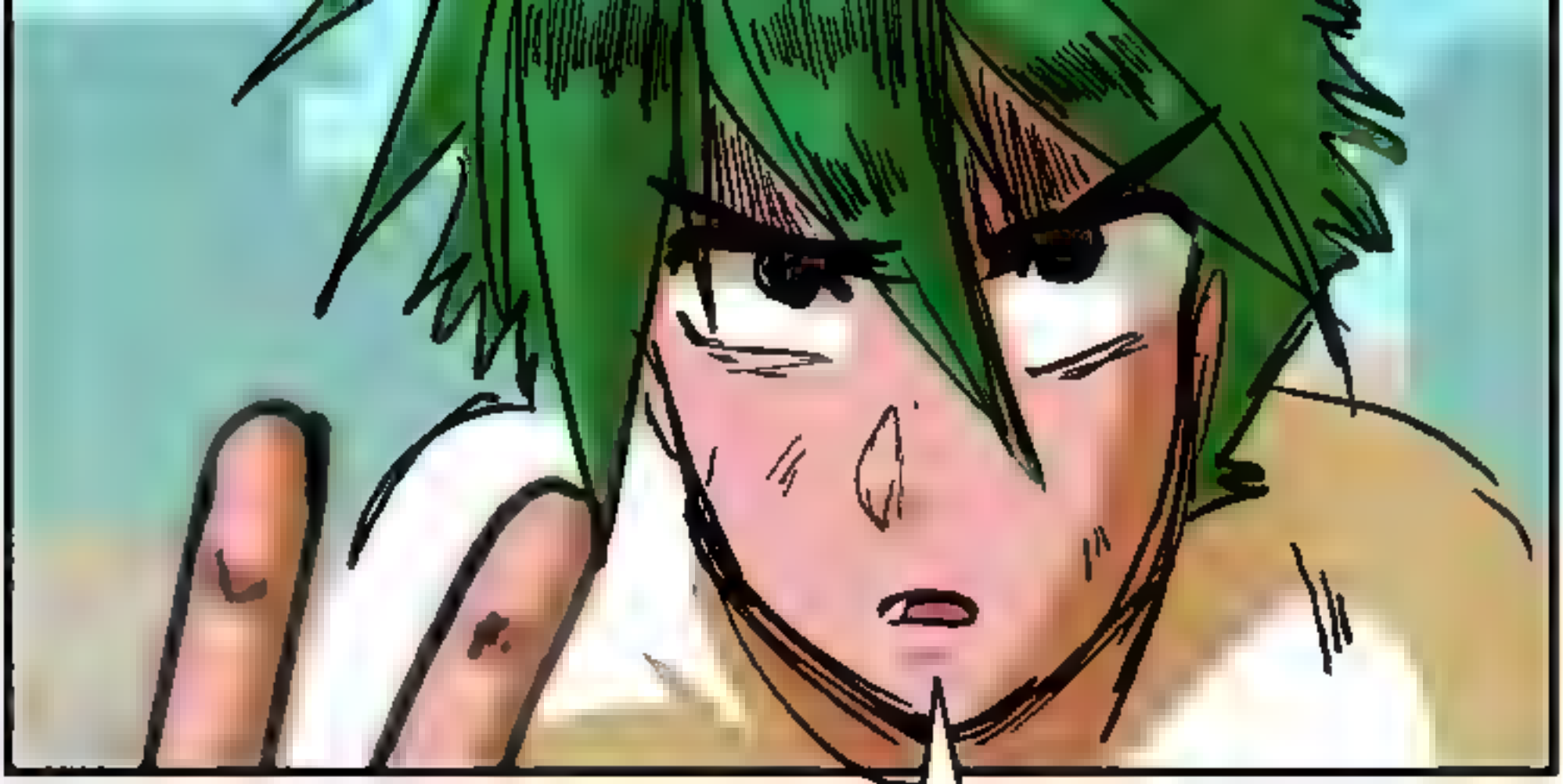
COULD IT REALLY BE...? IS IT COUNTING DOWN TO THE SHADOW HOUR?

...BUT HOW COULD IT? THERE ARE NO SHADOW SOLDIERS HERE.
WE LEFT THEM ALL BACK IN THE ROOM OF

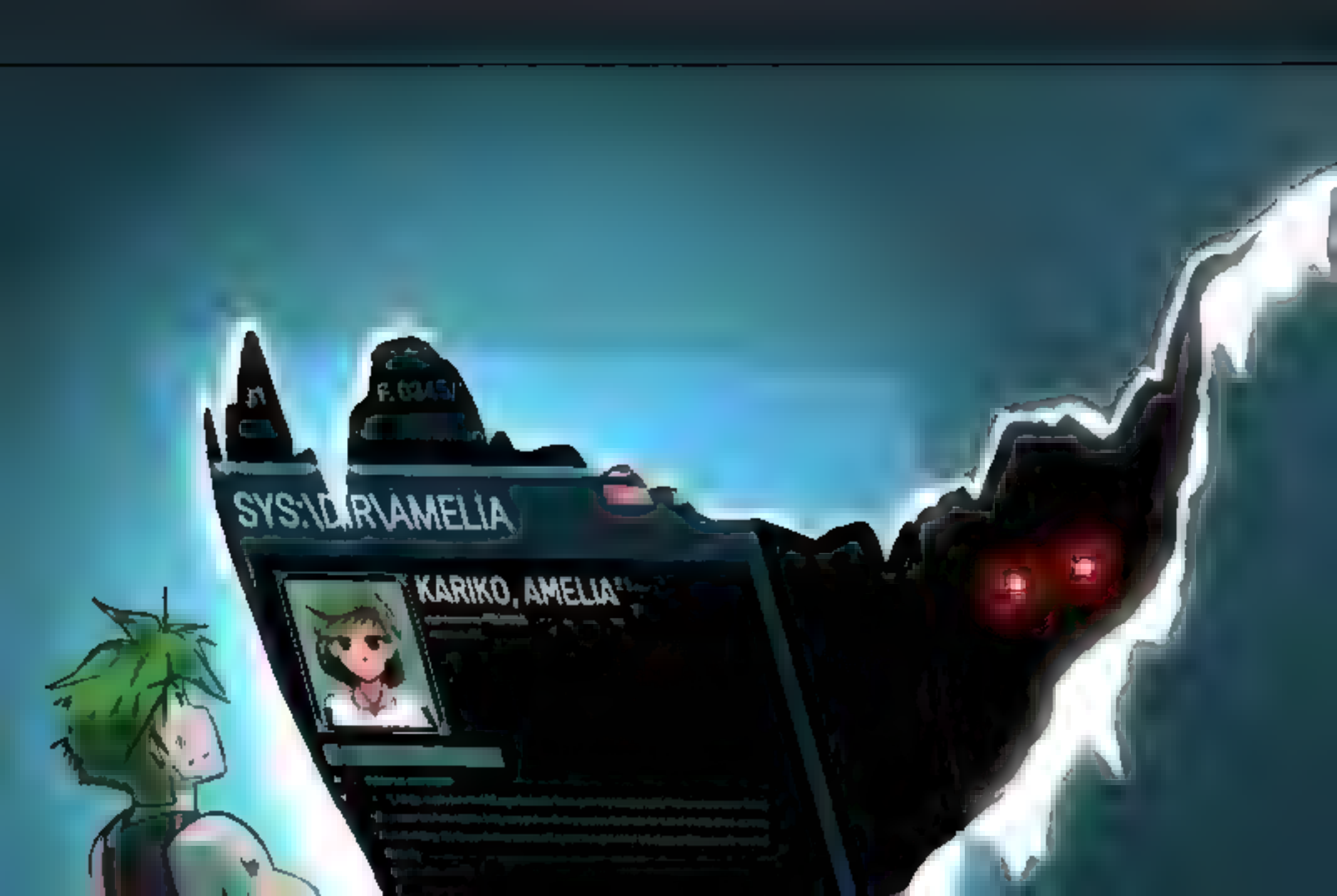
SWORDS.

NO. THEY GOT OUT.

WHAT?!


I SAW
THEM ESCAPE AS

WE LEFT THE ROOM OF SWORDS.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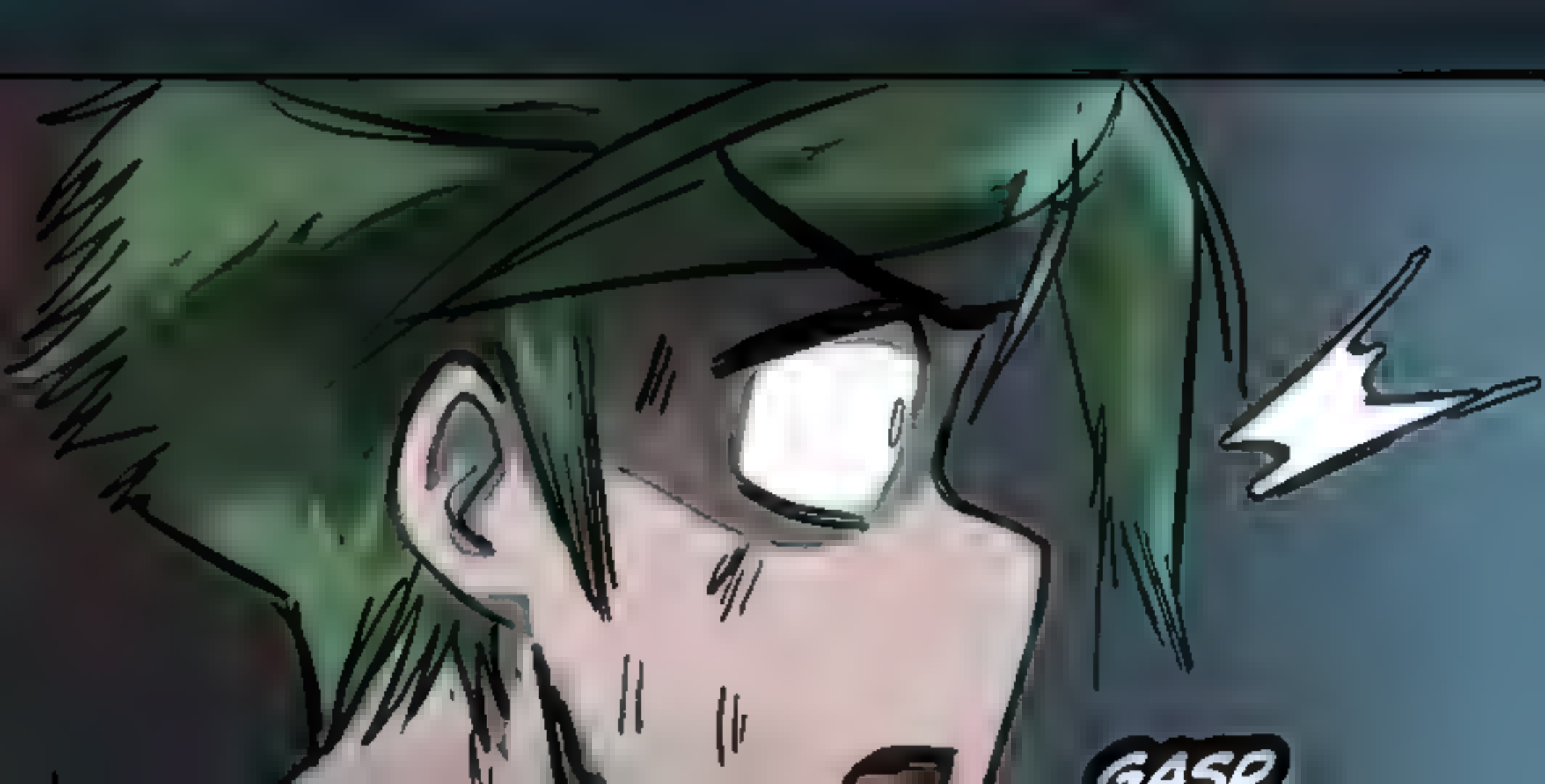
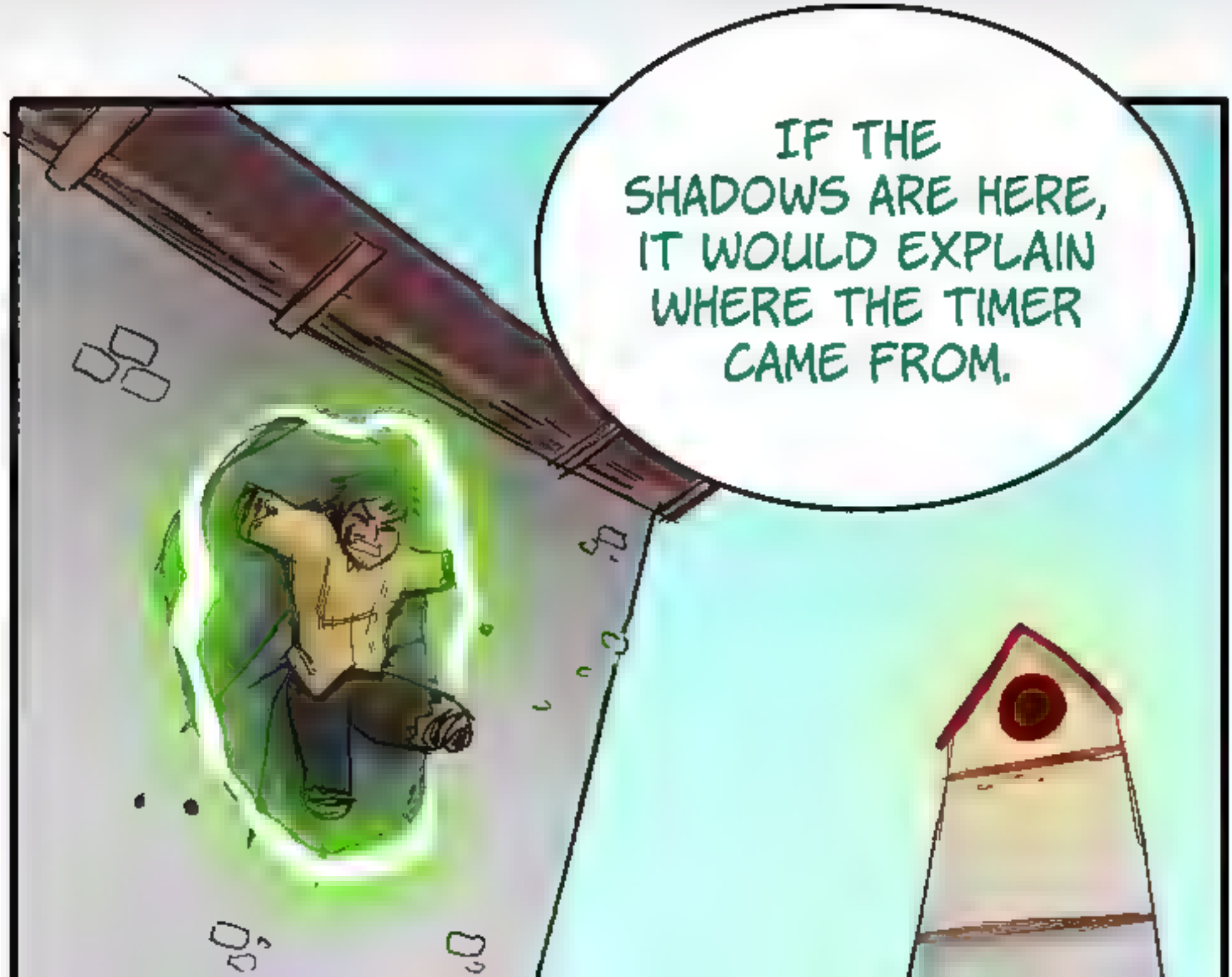

GASP

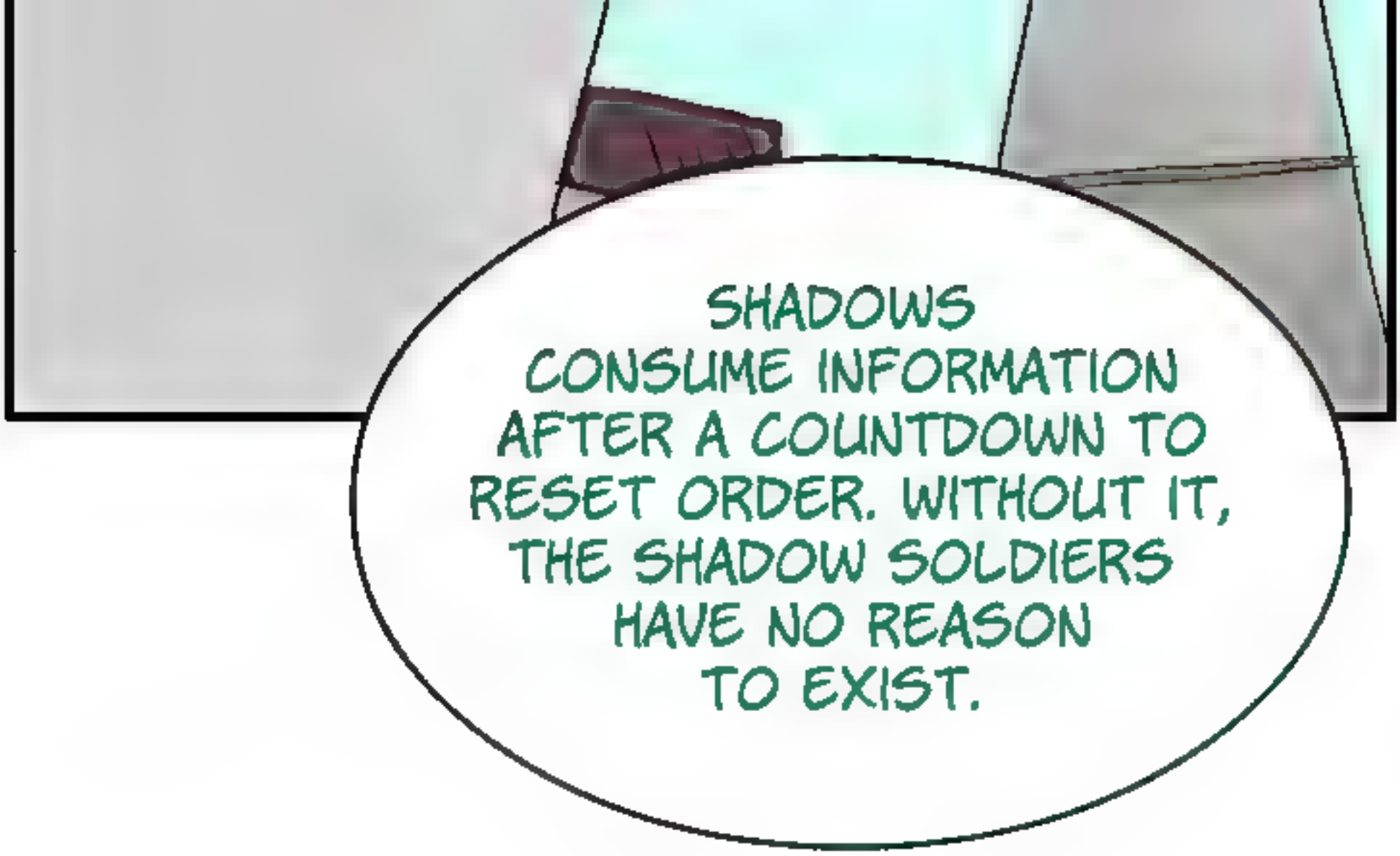
GASP
I FEEL
CHILLS...!

OOOGE

SHADOWS!?

SOMETHING'S
WRONG!

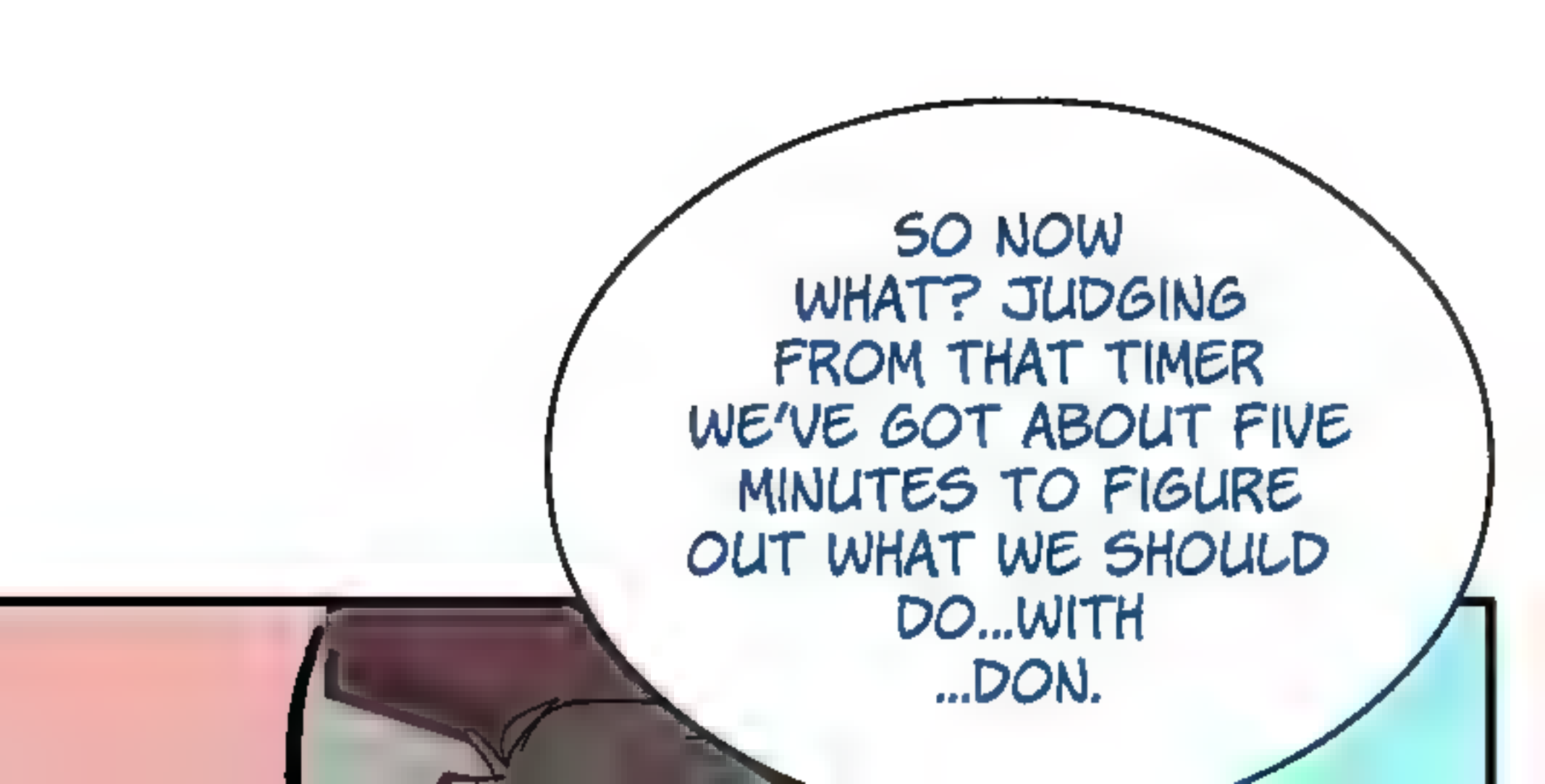

IF THE SHADOWS ARE HERE, IT WOULD EXPLAIN WHERE THE TIMER CAME FROM.


SHADOWS CONSUME INFORMATION AFTER A COUNTDOWN TO RESET ORDER. WITHOUT IT, THE SHADOW SOLDIERS HAVE NO REASON TO EXIST.

IF ITS NOT TICKING DOWN TO THE END OF A VOYAGE...THEN WHAT IS IT TICKING DOWN TO?

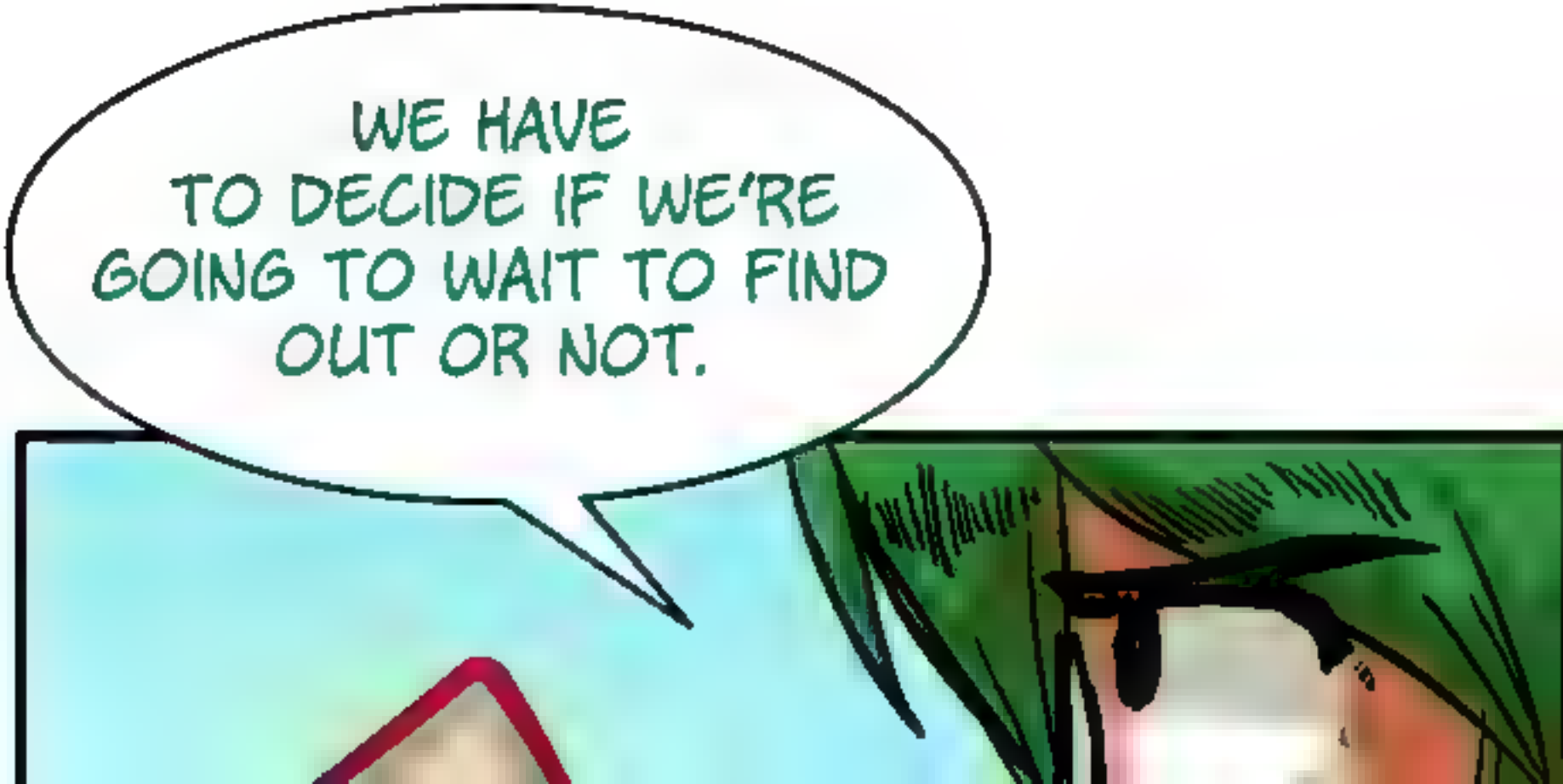
I THINK
ITS TICKING
DOWN TO THE
END OF THE

RECURSION.

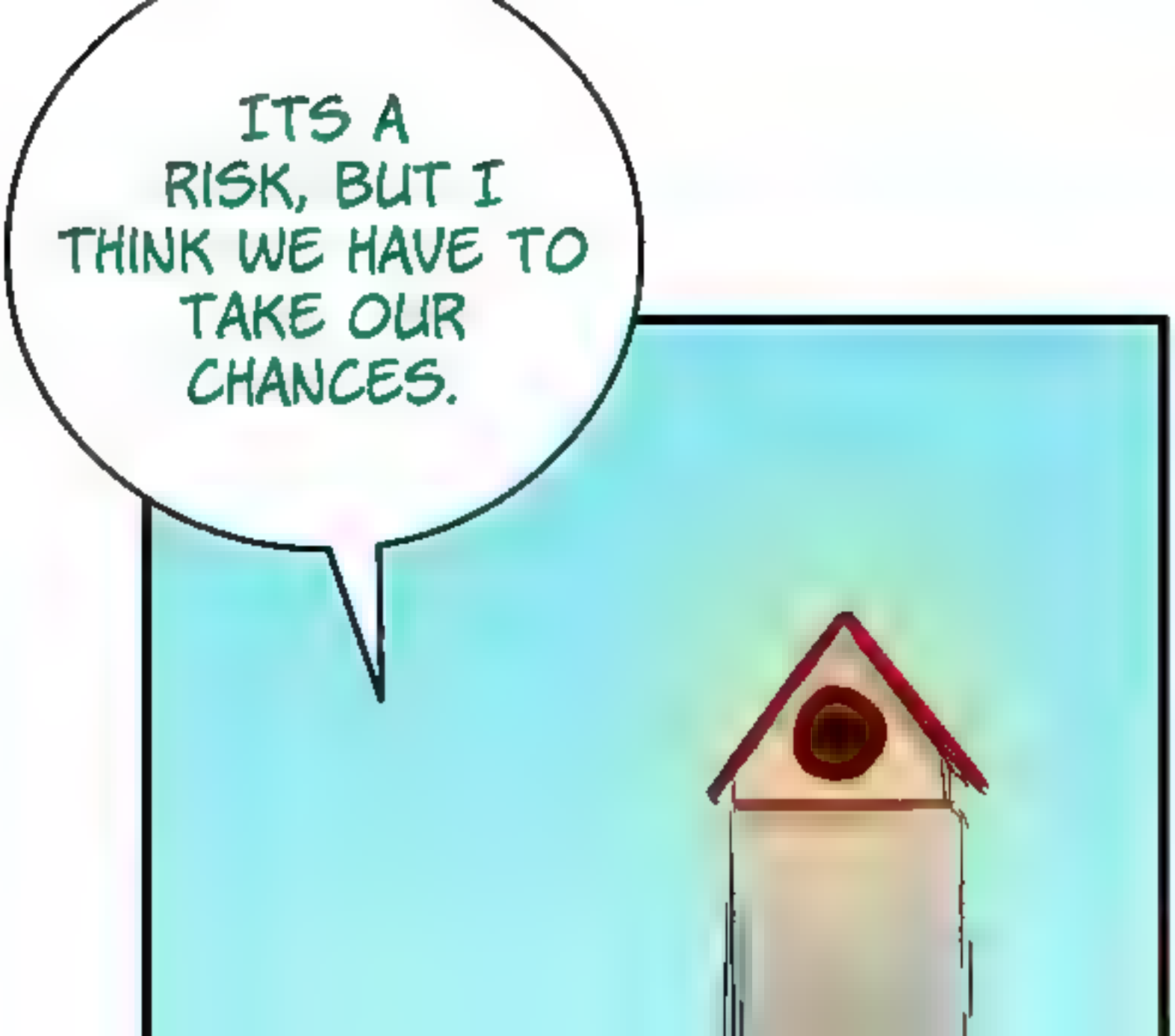

SO NOW WHAT? JUDGING FROM THAT TIMER WE'VE GOT ABOUT FIVE MINUTES TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE SHOULD DO...WITH ...DON.

NORMALLY
IT WOULD BE
EASY, WE'D JUST
STAB OURSELVES
BEFORE THOSE THINGS

BUT ONCE THOSE THINGS
COME AFTER US AND
LEAVE HIM TO
ROT.

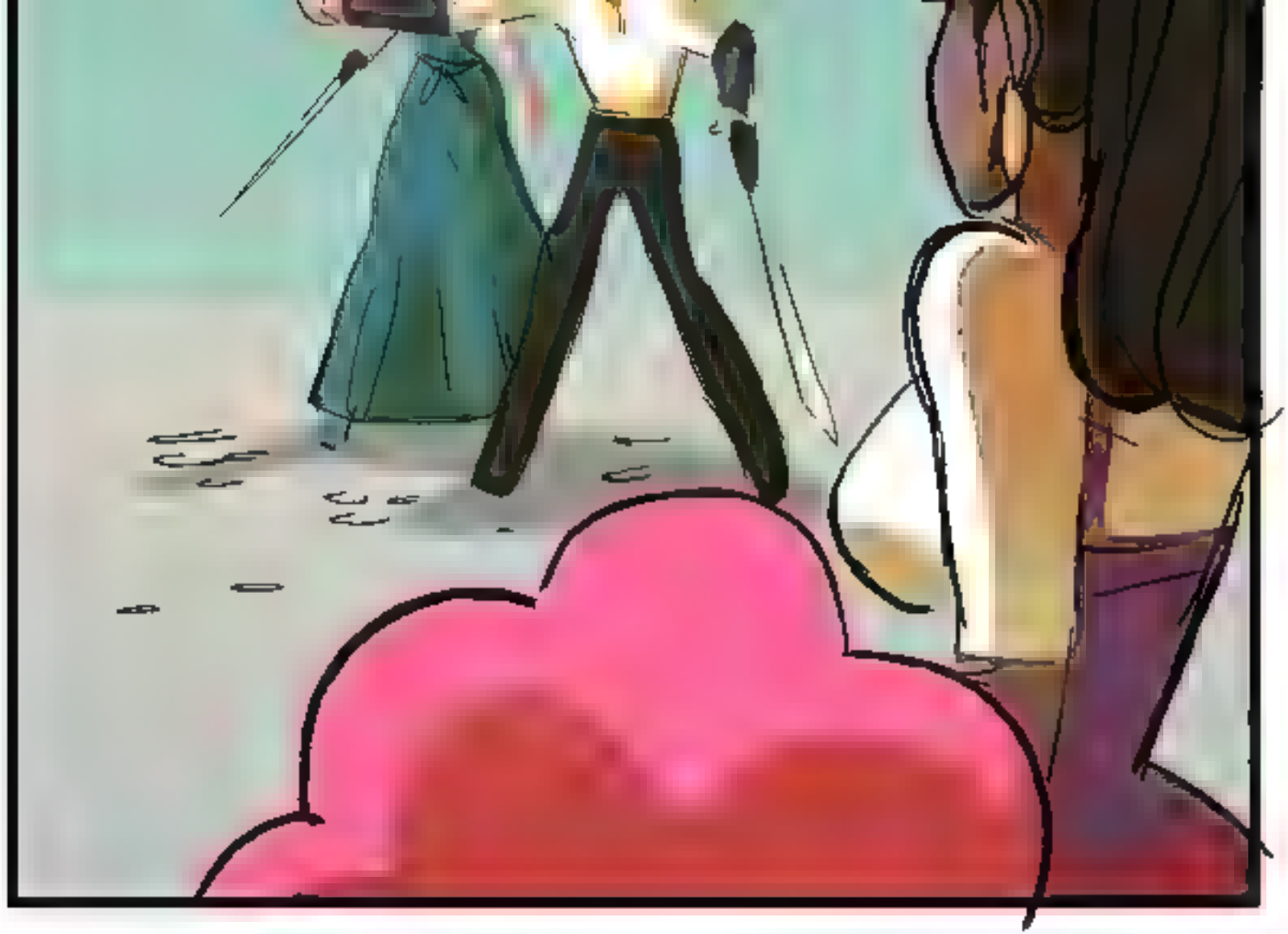

WE HAVE TO DECIDE IF WE'RE GOING TO WAIT TO FIND OUT OR NOT.

IF IT REALLY IS THE SHADOW HOUR, THEY'LL BE NO WAY TO RESET AND WE'LL ALL DIE.

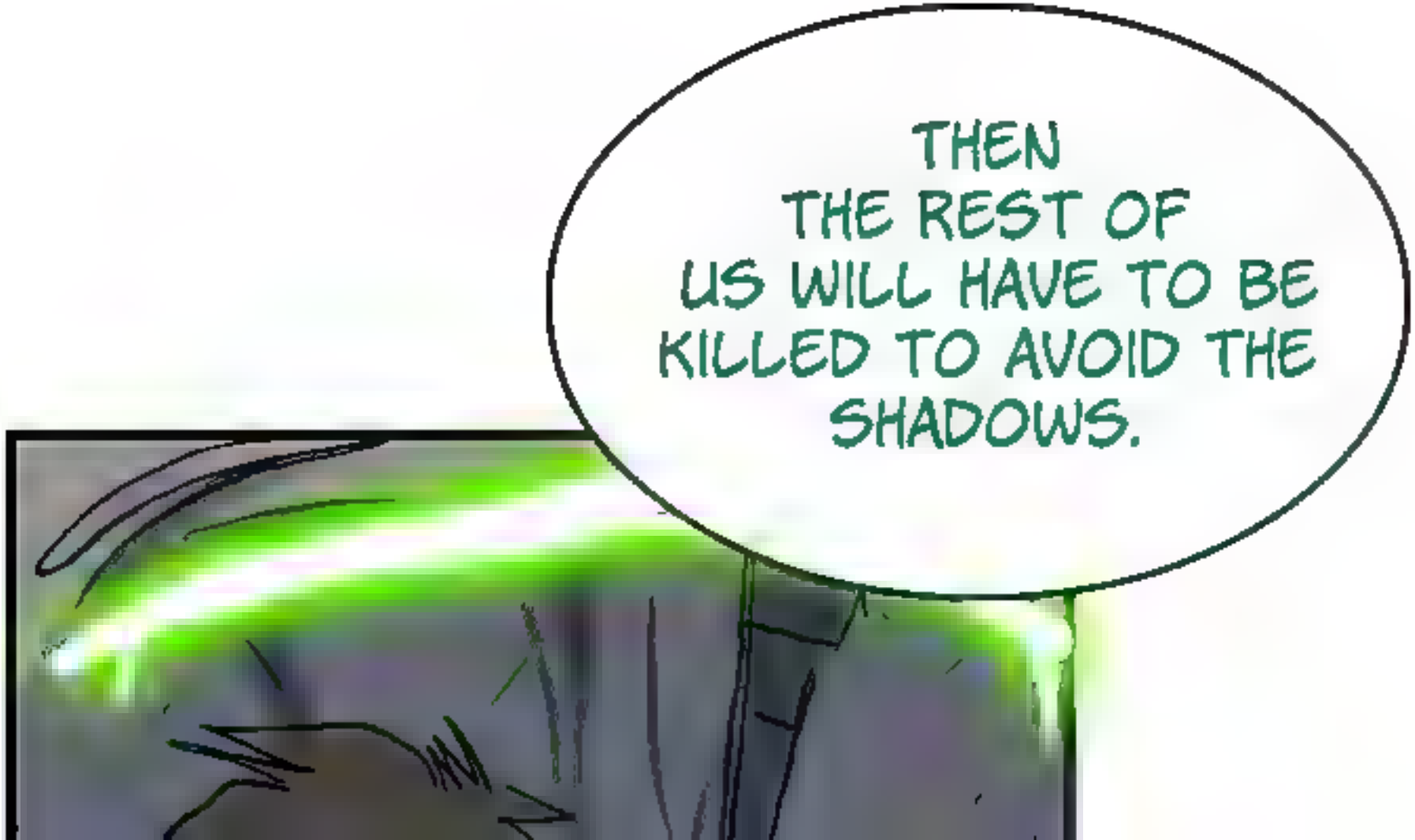

ITS A RISK, BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO TAKE OUR CHANCES.

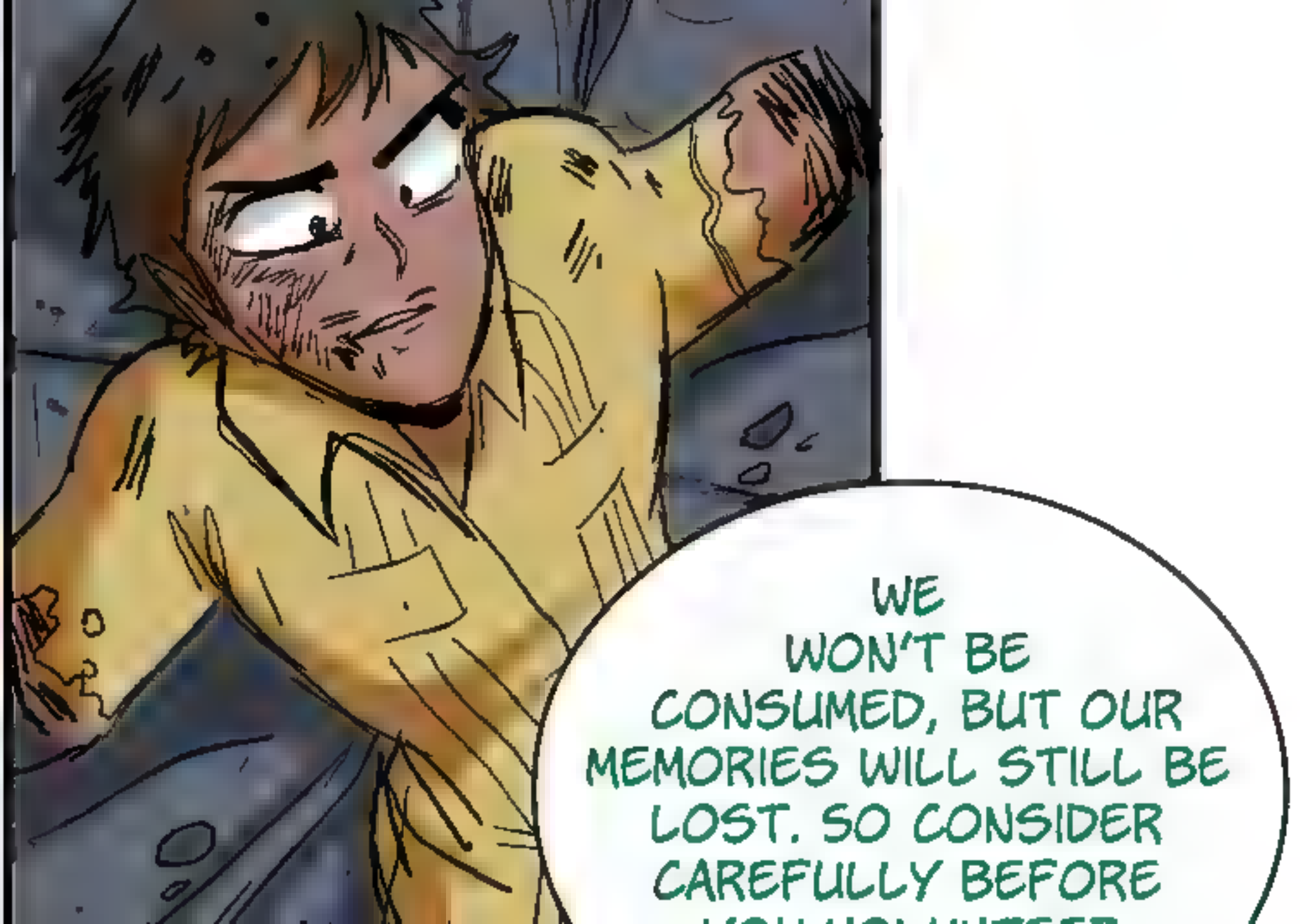
WE'LL
LET THE
SHADOWS
DESTROY
DON.

BUT WE'VE ONLY GOT TWO SWORDS.

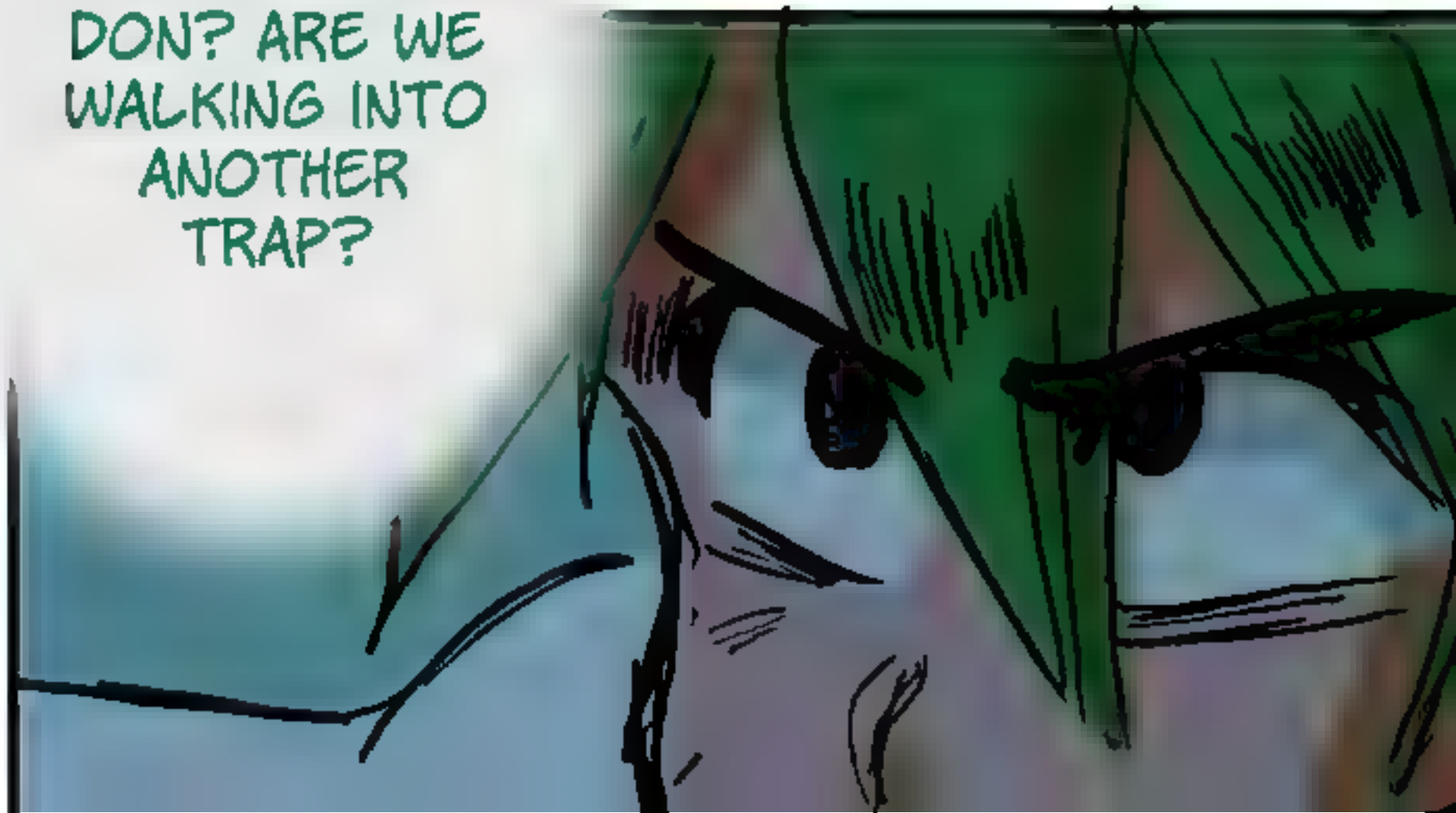


SO
WE'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO CHOOSE
WHO USES THE
SWORDS TO
RESET.


THEN
THE REST OF
US WILL HAVE TO BE
KILLED TO AVOID THE
SHADOWS.

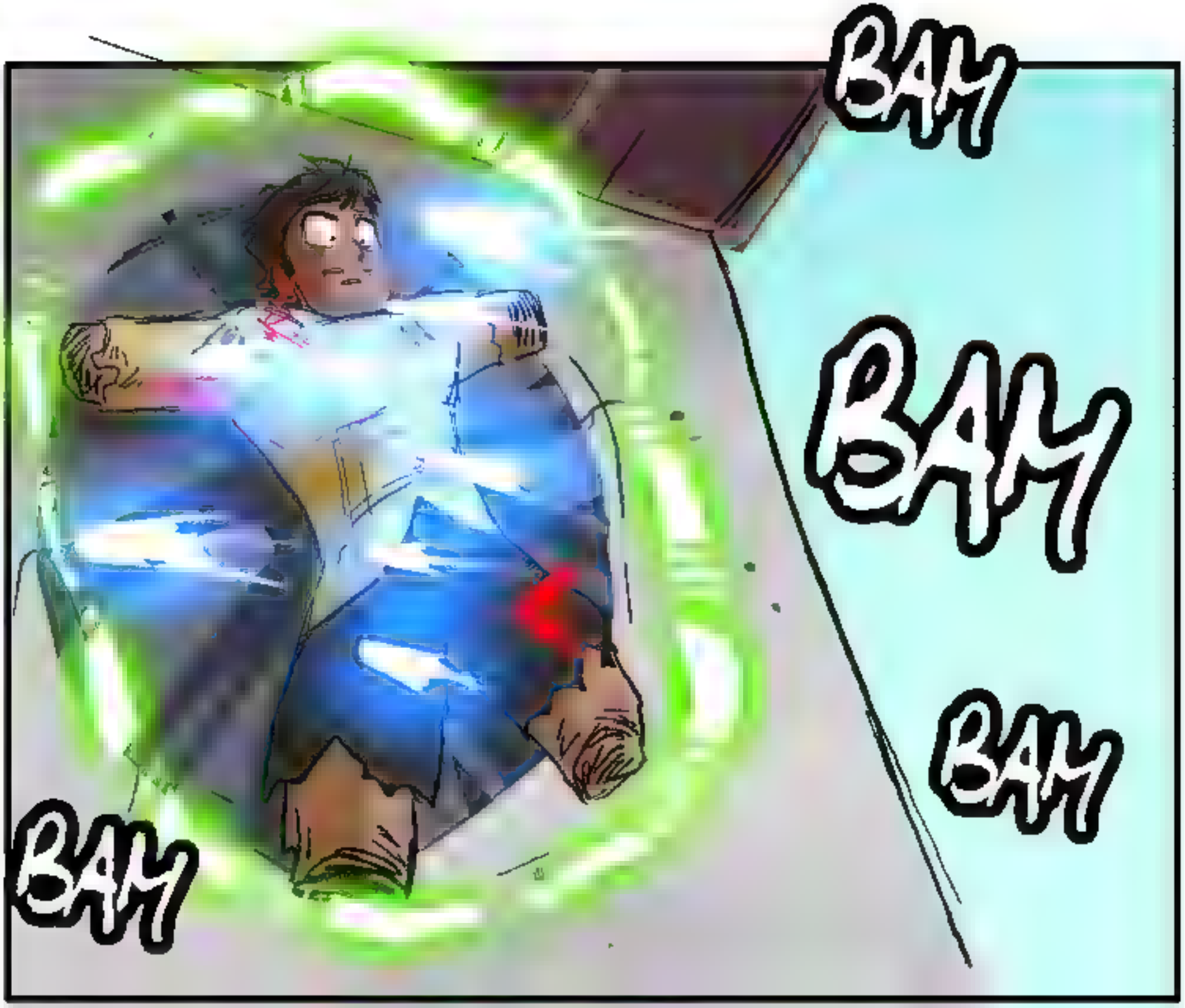

WE
WON'T BE
CONSUMED, BUT OUR
MEMORIES WILL STILL BE
LOST. SO CONSIDER
CAREFULLY BEFORE

YOU VOLUNTEER.


WAS THIS YOUR PLAN DON? ARE WE WALKING INTO ANOTHER TRAP?

CAN
WE EVEN
RISK AVOIDING
IT?

I'll
HOLD HIM STILL.
WE NEED TO PICK
WHO WILL
RESET...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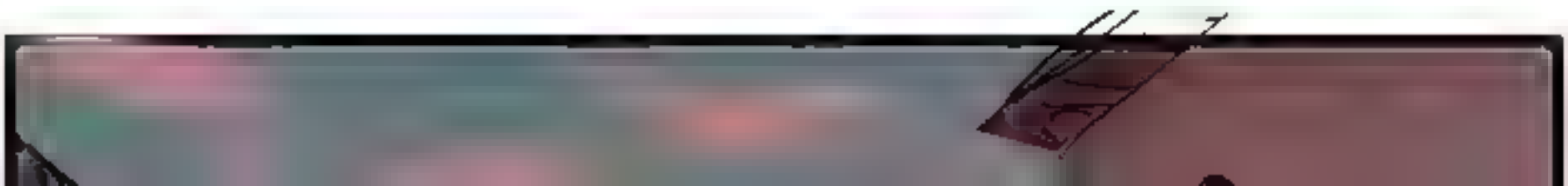

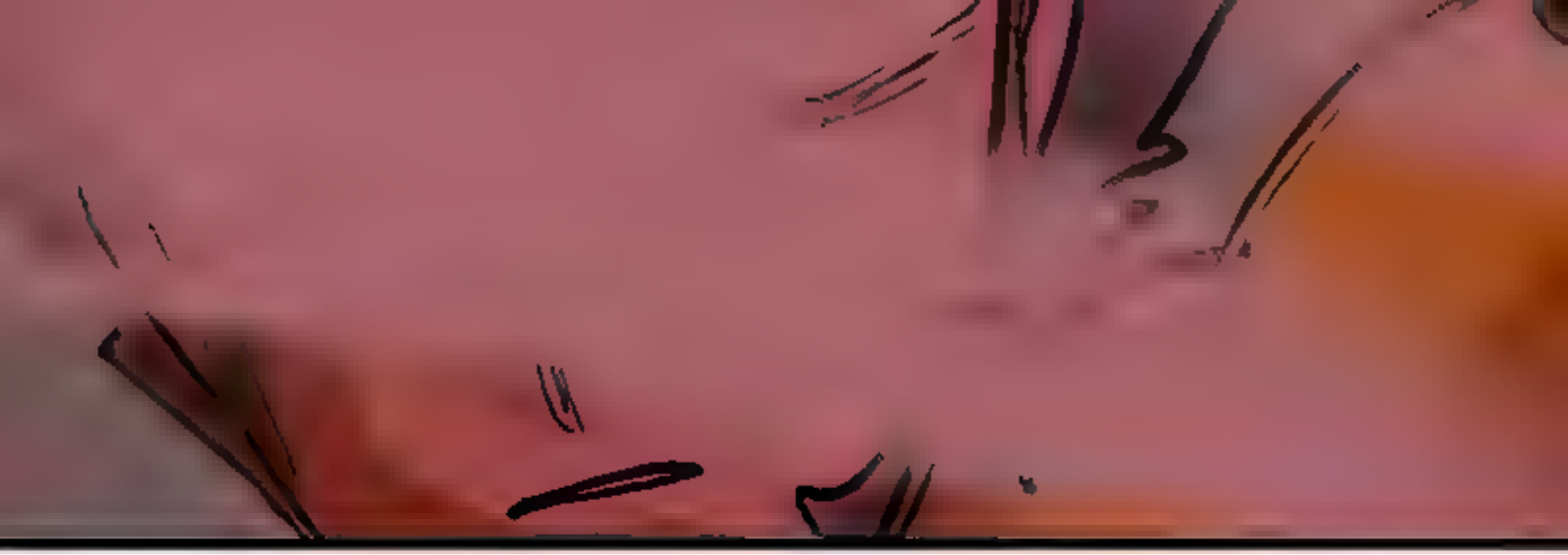

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